



April 18, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Parish Schedule

Apr. 17 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Susan Sabol req by Raymond Seech

Apr. 18 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Teresa Spudik and George Lucas req by family

Apr. 22 (Thu) VIGIL FEAST OF ST GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR
Divine Liturgy 7:00pm
+Russell Prodan req by Ann Prodan

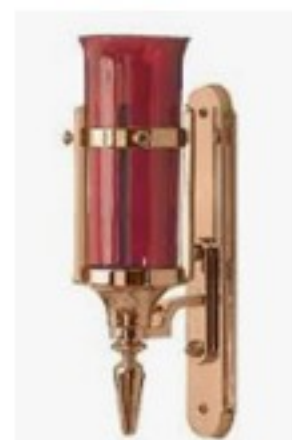
April 24 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Susan Sabol req by Raymond Seech

Apr. 25 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Charles Zeleznik req by Tom Arendas

Our Tithe to our Parish - April 11, 2021 - \$2,125.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week April 18 thru April 24 for +George Messineo req by family.



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
Joseph Rusinko Sr.

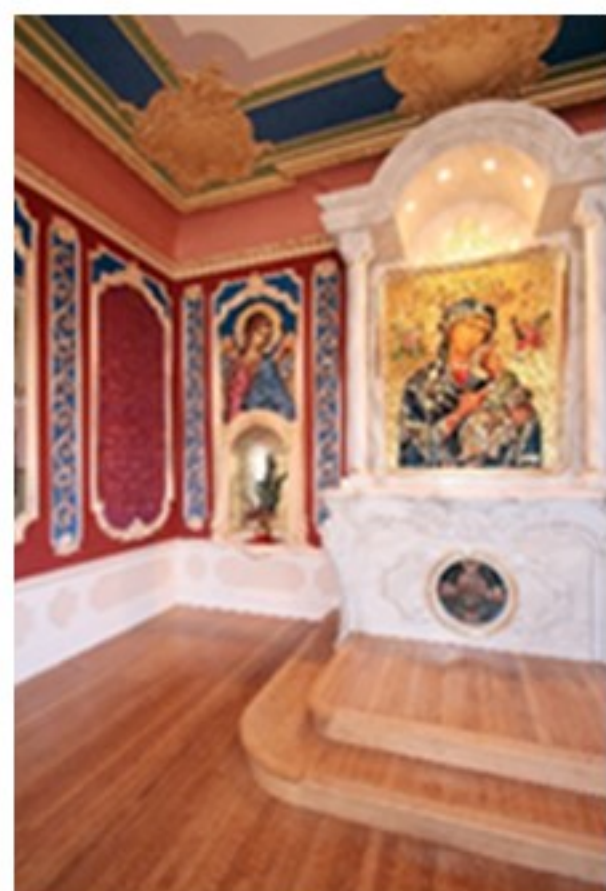
Pope Francis on twitter

- A faith that does not trouble us is a troubled faith. A faith that does not make us grow is a faith that needs to grow.
- Jesus is our mediator, who reconciles us not only with the Father but also with each other.
- Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.
- Through prayer we can enter into a stable relationship with God, the source of true joy.

We greet each other during the next forty days with our Paschal greeting:

CHRIST IS RISEN ! (English) INDEED HE IS RISEN !
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE ! (Slavonic) VOISTINNU VOSKRESE !
CHRISTOS ANESTI ! (Greek) ALITHOS ANESTI !





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THROUGH ZOOM.**

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ested.**

Saturday Morning Reflection:

Staying in SHAPE for our Yellow Brick Road Journey

April 24 - 10am—11:30am

Presented by Becky Johnson, ED.D

Offering: \$15 Register by April 19

Tuesday Evening Reflection for Men and Women:

God's Movements through Grief and Loss

April 27 - 6:30pm—7:30pm

Presented by June W. Hutchison, M.M.H., Ph.D.

Offering: \$10 Register by April 22

Women's Tuesday Evening Reflection:

Do Whatever She Tells You: Becoming a Disciple with Mary

May 11 — 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Presented by Ann M. Koshute, MTS

Offering: \$10 Register by May 6

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN

Have you noticed how much of the Resurrection account revolves around women?

This is striking ... especially when we consider the status of women in society in Bible times. Far from having equal rights, we know that the wife was considered as 'belonging' to her husband; at the time of birth, a son was preferred to a daughter; only a husband could seek a divorce; only a man could own property or work outside the home. This is simply the way it was in society at that time.

Against this background, it is quite astonishing to read the biblical accounts of the Resurrection.



The women were the first to discover the empty tomb ... and thus they became the first witnesses to the Resurrection. The risen Christ first appeared to Mary Magdalene who is called a *woman disciple*.

It is the women who were told the message of the Resurrection by the angel. It is the women who then told the disciples the news. The disciples (who had earlier been personally called by Jesus) receive the news of the Resurrection second-handedly.

Thus the Ointment-bearing Women are specially honored on this third Sunday of Pascha. We can see their faith, their acceptance of the news of the angel ... quite in stark contrast to the doubt of Thomas that we heard last week.

The Liturgy calls them "*women-disciples*" because they were indeed faithful followers of the Lord Jesus during the time of his ministry. They were with Him right up to the moment of his death on the Cross. And they were the first ones to come to the tomb and hear of his glorious Resurrection.

As we seek today to gain a fuller appreciation of the role of women in society and in the church, we remember these "first disciples".

They remind us that God works through his faithful ones ... and perhaps He doesn't even notice what gender they are.